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## Grants Awarded to Help Iowa Communities Fight Drugs and Crime

DES MOINES – The Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) today announced \$1.75 million in competitive federal grants awards to 24 drug-related crime prevention, treatment and enforcement projects in several Iowa communities during the state fiscal year that began July 1.

"These grants leverage local and state investments in multi-jurisdictional partnerships that make Iowa a healthier and safer place in which to live," said ODCP Director Steve Lukan. "Thanks in part to grant-supported drug enforcement task forces, offender substance abuse and mental health treatment services, and community crime prevention programs, Iowa has one of the nation's lowest rates of drug use and crime."

During State fiscal 2013, the most recent year for which data are available, ODCP grant-supported projects produced numerous beneficial results, including the following:

- 79 counties served directly by 31 projects, and all 99 counties aided by projects with a statewide focus.
- 4,189 pounds of illegal drugs seized.
- 547 firearms seized in drug/crime investigations.
- 450 potential drug endangered children referred to human service officials.
- 3,792 new program recipients received drug education/prevention, substance abuse and mental health treatment and other services.

Grant awards announced today by ODCP represent Iowa's latest share of Byrne Justice Assistance Grant and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment dollars administered at the federal level by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

For more information on ODCP news or initiatives, including its Iowa grant programs, go to [www.iowa.gov/odcp](http://www.iowa.gov/odcp).

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